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SUBJECT: FY 1977 IV PROGRAM

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1. BIODATA: TIMO EERO OSKAR RELANDER BORN AUGUST 4, 1941
IN AITOO, FINLAND, MALE FINNISH CITIZEN, MARRIED, SON SIX
AND DAUGHTER FOUR YEARS; HOME ADDRESS: KADETINTIE 4,
00330 HELSINKI 33, FINLAND, EMERGENCY NAME/ADDRESS
MRS. TIMO RELANDER ABOVE ADDRESS; EDUCATION LICENTIATE
DEGREE (BETWEEN MASTER'S AND PHD) IN POLITICAL SCIENCE
UNIVERSITY HELSINKI 1968; PRESENT POSITION DIRECTOR OF
ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT AT MINISTRY OF FINANCE SINCE 1975,
PREVIOUS POSITIONS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR AT ABOVE DEPARTMENT
1970-75, RESEARCH FELLOW AT RESEARCH INSTITUTUE OF ECONOMY
(ETLA) 1966-69; MEMBER OF VARIOUS PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS;
NUMEROUS ARTICLES ON ECONOMIC QUESTIONS IN PROFESSIONAL
PUBLICATIONS; FOREIGN TRAVEL: U.S. NEVER VISITED, BUSINESS,
STUDY AND/ OR HOLIDAY TRIPS TO EACH EUROPEAN COUNTRY (EXCEPTING
ALBANIA); LANGUAGES: ENGLISH GOOD, FINNISH MOTHER TONGUE,
SWEDISH AND GERMAN.

2. NAMECHECK OK.

3. RELANDER'S PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM WILL BE CONCENTRATED
IN WASHINGTON, D.C. SINCE HE IS DEEPLY INVOLVED WITH FINNISH
FISCAL AND MONETARY POLICIES, AND WITH PRICING POLICIES, HE
SHOULD HAVE SUBSTANTIVE BRIEFINGS WITH FOLLOWING: DEPT OF
COMMERCE, TREASURY DEPT, FEDERAL RESERVE HEADQUARTERS, OFFICE
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OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT, CNGRESSSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE. RELANDER IS INTERESTED IN POLICY DETERMINATION AND CENTRAL POLICY GUIDANCE. HE IS NOT CONCERNED WITH STATISTICAL COMPILATIONS/TECHNIQUES. OUTSIDE WASHDC PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM WHICH WE DISCUSSED WITH RELANDER DEVELOPED AS FOLLOWS: 1) VISIT A "THINK TANK" THAT IS INVOLVED IN ECONOMIC/FISCAL FUTURE PROJECTIONS (RAND CORP. ON WEST COAST?), 2) VISIT A UNIVERSITY WITH OUTSTANDING DEPARTMENT OF FISCAL STUDIES, 3) VISIT A LARGE PAPER MILL AND LUMBER OPERATION BECAUSE OF IMPORTANCE THESE INDUSTRIES TO FINLAND), 4) RELANDER EXPRESSED WISH TO VISIT A LARGE GRAIN FARM IN U.S., 5) RELANDER MIGHT BE SCHEDULED TO VISIT ONE OF 12 FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT BANKS DURING TOUR.

RELANDER DID NOT EXPRESS SPECIAL INTEREST IN ANY HOBBY OR SPORTS, NOR PREFERENCE IN CULTURAL SCENE. BUT HIS TOUR SHOULD INCLUDE VISITS TO SOME OF U.S. MAJOR CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS SUCH AS KENNEDY CENTER. PANEL MAY BE ABLE TO ELICIT SPECIAL AVOCATIONAL INTERESTS.

4. RELANDER'S TENTATIVE ITINERARY: WASHDC, ATLANTA, NEW ORLEANS, GRAND CANYON, LAS VEGAS, SAN FRANCISCO (VISIT STANFORD, RAND CORP.), OREGON OR WASHINGTON (FOR LUMBERING), MID-WEST, NEW YORK CITY (FINANCIAL SCENE). AUSTAD

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